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The Honorable William H. Webster
 Director, Central Intelligence
 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

I am writing to confirm your rescheduled appearance before the Committee on Foreign Relations to testify in regard to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles. Your testimony is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 1988, in Room S-407, the Capitol.

The Committee has heard from Secretary of State Shultz, former secretaries of state, the treaty negotiators and Ambassador Paul Nitze. You should be prepared to address the monitoring tasks the intelligence community will face and how well these tasks can be accomplished; the validity of the data provided by the Soviet Union and of our own related intelligence estimates; the role of confidence-building measures, including on-site inspection, in monitoring compliance; the resources the intelligence community has available and expects to have under current plans to monitor compliance; and potential military steps which the Soviet Union might take to compensate for the reductions required by the treaty.

Your oral presentation should be limited to 30 minutes, but you may submit a longer statement for the record. The oral presentation will be followed by questions and general discussion on this subject. It would be appreciated if you would submit copies of your prepared statement at least two working days in advance of the hearing. If you have any further questions, please let me know or have your staff call Bill Ashworth at 224-9033.

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I look forward to seeing you and hearing your views on this very important matter.

With every good wish.

Ever sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Claiborne Pell', written in a cursive style.

Claiborne Pell
Chairman